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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Kimihiko NISHIOKA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2622**

Application Number: **10/671,827**

Examiner: **Kelly L. Jerabek**

Filed: **September 29, 2003**

Confirmation Number: **3902**

For: **IMAGING APPARATUS, CONTROLLING METHOD THEREOF
AND FINDER**

Attorney Docket Number: **031216**

Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 26, 2007

Sir:

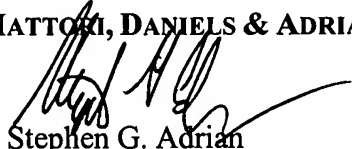
In response to the requirement for an election of species dated January 25, 2007, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species 1 (Figs. 3-22). It is believed that claims 1-20 and 30-60 read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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